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MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about the Veterinary Hospital in Munagala Paragana. The hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Rural dispensaries.

197 *Q.*—SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Rural Dispensaries (Indigenous and Allopathic) sanctioned for each of the districts of the State;

(*b*) how many of them are kept closed; and

(*c*) whether representations have been received by the Government to enhance the subsidy paid to the practitioners appointed to those dispensaries, and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [*] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) Yes. The matter is under consideration of Government."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Is it not a fact that the rate of subsidy given to these practitioners was not raised when the pay of other Government servants was raised recently? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The subsidy was enhanced with effect from 1st April 1949."

11 a.m. SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, do the Government know that the rural dispensary at Alanallur in Walluvanad remains closed for so many years and that there is no doctor there? Will the Government enquire into it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Several rural dispensaries remain closed to-day for want of doctors."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అచ్చంపేట లోకల్ డిస్పెన్సరీలో 9 నెలల నుంచి డాక్టరు లేనందువల్ల, రోగులు డిస్పెన్సరీకి వస్తూ వృథాగా వెనుకకు పోతున్నారనే సంగతి ప్రభుత్వమునకు తెలియచేసినప్పటికీ ప్రభుత్వము ఏమి చేసిందని అడుగుతున్నాను."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, even when the Government have been informed that the people at Achampeta dispensary have been asked to go back without medicine being administered to them, no action has been taken by the Government. May I know whether any action has been taken in that matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state how many applications for opening dispensaries received from various district boards are pending sanction of the Government? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact, Sir . .

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Hon. Members will kindly note that they should press the button for the light. The light will not glow; but all the same, if they wait for a while, they will be heard."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" It may be translated in all the languages."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" கனம் மெம்பர்கள் பேசுவதற்கு முன்பு மைக் பித்தானை அமுக்க வேண்டும். பித்தானை அமுக்கும் பொழுது வழக்கம் போல விளக்கு எரியாது, இருந்தாலும் கொஞ்ச நேரம் தாமதித்து விளக்கு எரிவது போல பாவனை செய்து கொண்டு பேசினால் அவர்கள் பேசும் குரல் நன்றாகக் கேட்கும்."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" సభ్యులందరు వారి ముందరనున్న ఎలెక్ట్రిక్ బటన్‌ను ఎర్రలైటుకొరకు నొక్కవలెను. కాని యీ దినమున ఆ లైటు వెలగక పోయినను, కొంచెము సేపు వేచియుండిన వారు మాట్లాడినదంతయు వినబడగలదు."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, I rise on a point of information about this mike. I want to know why these mikes have gone out of order. I want to know whether they are tired of the speeches here or whether they are tired of the criticism of the Government?" (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order. At the very outset I told the House that the mikes were not in order. That was the complaint made by the Supervisor of the Electricity Department."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that while we are in the midst of scarcity of doctors, the Public Service Commission of the Government of Burma is welcomed and feted by our Government in this State for the recruitment of doctors for Burma?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Private practitioners should have the liberty to go to any place, to Burma or to any other place."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister inform the House by what magnificent amount was the subsidy increased in 1949, and what was the criterion or basic principle on which Government made this increase?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The subsidy in regard to medical graduates was increased from Rs. 720 to Rs. 900 in the plains and from Rs. 900 to Rs. 1,080 in the Agency tracts. For licentiates, it was increased from Rs. 600 to Rs. 720 in the plains and from Rs. 720 to Rs. 900 in the Agency tracts."